

SUMMARY OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW

On April 18, 2007 the novelty and non-obviousness of the independent claims was discussed with the Examiner. The similarities and differences between the six independent claims were initially discussed in order to aid in a potential understanding. Then the Tagawa and Hirota references were discussed regarding the claims rejected under that combination. The technology at the time of filing, including the aforementioned references was discussed. Various of the different keys and the role they play in authentication and decryption was also discussed. The Saxena reference and the combination containing it was also briefly discussed.

The Examiner indicated in a subsequent phone message that she would consider and review arguments/amendments submitted in a Response to Final Office Action.